

CRUISER DRESDEN IS ACCOUNTED FOR

German Sea-Raider Sent to Bot-
tom Near Juan Fernandez
Island.

FIGHTS ONLY FIVE MINUTES

Sister of Famous Emden Falls
Victim to Warships of
England.

LONDON, March 15.—The British ad-
miralty announced to-night that the
German cruiser Dresden had been sunk.

The admiralty statement said:
"On the 14th of March at 9 A. M., H.
M. S. Glasgow, Captain John Luce, R.
N.; H. M. auxiliary cruiser Orana, Cap-
tain John R. Seagrave, R. N., and H. M. S.
Kent, Captain John D. Allen, C. B. R. N.,
caught the Dresden near Juan Fernan-
dez Island.

"An action ensued and after five min-
utes fighting the Dresden hauled down
her colors and displayed the white flag.
"She was much damaged and set on
fire, and after she had been burning for
some time her magazine exploded and she
sank.

"The crew were saved, fifteen badly
wounded. Germans are being landed at
Valparaiso.

"There were no British casualties and
no damage to the ships."

ONLY GERMAN WARSHIP TO ESCAPE DESTRUCTION

The Dresden was a member of the
German squadron which was defeated by
the British squadron off the Falk-
land Islands in December. She was the
only one of the five German warships to
escape. She was said to have fled to
the westward, but there had been no
definite reports as to her whereabouts
since that time. She was reported un-
officially to have been seen in the
Strait of Magellan, and later to be hid-
ing in one of the bays on the Chilean
coast.

The Dresden was a sister ship of the
famous Emden, sunk off Cocos Island, in
the Indian Ocean, by the Australian
cruiser Sydney after an adventurous
career.

The sinking of the Dresden leaves at
large on the high seas, so far as is
known, only the cruiser Karlsruhe, last
reported as operating in the West In-
dies, and the auxiliary cruiser Kron-
prinz Wilhelm, which still is raiding
commerce in the South Atlantic.

At the outbreak of the war, the Dres-
den was assigned to the West Indies
station, and just prior to the beginning
of hostilities she took Victoriano
Huerta, when he fled from Mexico, to
Jamaica. Little was heard from her
until the battle off the Falkland
Islands. Late in August she sank the
British steamer Hyades off the coast of
Brazil.

VESSEL WAS NO MATCH FOR STURDIER CRUISERS

The Dresden, a vessel of 3,600 tons,
was no match for the battle cruisers
in the fleet of Vice-Admiral Sir Fred-
erick Sturdee in the battle off the Falk-
land Islands, and after the destruction of
the Scharnhorst, Gneisenau, Leipzig and
Nürnberg, she steamed away in the
darkness.

Since that time British and Japanese
warships have searched for her per-
sistently in the South Pacific and South
Atlantic.

The Dresden's armament was com-
paratively light. She carried ten 4.1-
inch guns, eight five-pounders, four ma-
chine guns and two torpedo tubes. She
was 395 feet long. Her complement was
321 men.

Juan Fernandez Island, near which
the Dresden finally was run down, is a
Chilean dependency in the Pacific Ocean
about 400 miles off the mainland. The
Chilean government protested to Ger-
many in December against alleged viola-
tion of neutrality by German warships
in Chilean waters, and three destroyers
were sent by Chile to the Juan Fernan-
dez Islands.

The solitary residence on Juan Fernan-
dez Islands for four years of a
Scottishman named Alexander Selkirk is
supposed to have formed the basis of
De Foë's tale, "Robinson Crusoe."

NEWS CAUSES SADNESS AMONG EITEL'S MEN

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
NEWPORT NEWS, VA., March 15.—
Captain Thierichens, of the German
auxiliary cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich,
had no comment to make to-night when
told that the German cruiser Dresden
had been sunk by British warships
near the Juan Fernandez Islands yester-
day. However, the news was re-
ceived with evident sadness, and a
gloom over the ship, officers and crew,
who have experienced more pleasure
here during the past few days than has
been their lot for the past seven months
since they left Tsingtau, China, to be-
gin their warfare on the enemy's ship-
ping.

DEPARTMENT BACKS RYAN

Recruiting Officer Criticized Judge Who
Wanted to Sentence Man to Army.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—The War
Department is standing squarely behind
Captain T. F. Ryan, recruiting officer
at Indianapolis, who recently was cited
for contempt of court for criticizing a
local judge who attempted to sentence
a prisoner to enlistment in the army.
The captain has been instructed by the
department to appear before the court,
but to state that he acted on behalf of
the Federal government with a view of
bringing before the public a proper con-
ception of the attitude of the govern-
ment in the matter and to represent
that the action of the court is calculated
to injure the army and prevent the
enlistment of good men.

The Department of Justice will assign
to the nearest district attorney the
defense of Captain Ryan, if necessary, and
the officer is instructed to decline to pay
any fine, with the understanding that if
committed for contempt he will be
promptly taken out under a writ of
habeas corpus.

MRS. ANGLE ON STAND TO-DAY

Upon Her Own Story, Lawyers Believe
Woman's Fate Rests.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
BRIDGEPORT, CONN., March 15.—
Mrs. Helen M. Angle will go on the
witness stand to-morrow morning as
her own star witness, and upon her
story and its effect upon the members
of the jury who are trying her for
manslaughter, in connection with the
death of Waldo R. Ballou, her lawyers
believe rests her fate.

The State rested its case this after-
noon, and after the noon recess it was
planned that the Stamford heiress and
singer should take the stand in her
own defense, but the crowded court-
room and the suspense she has under-
gone awaiting the climax to the now
famous case, was too much for her to
stand in her weakened condition, and
she suffered a nervous breakdown,
which caused her lawyers to postpone
her appearance until to-morrow morn-
ing.

BAYLIS BACK FROM BELGIUM

Says Germans Burned Louvain to Hide
Evidence of Atrocities.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
NEW YORK, March 15.—Dr. Charles
T. Baylis, of Brooklyn, returned from
Belgium to-day on the White Star liner
Adriatic. He visited Louvain, and de-
clares he has pictures and documents
to prove that the Germans burned that
city to cover up the evidence of atroci-
ties committed by German soldiers.

While in England, Dr. Baylis learned
that the navy had captured a German
petrol ship that had been supplying
submarines with fuel. The capture was
made off the Scottish coast, the supply
vessel taken to port and later sent to
sea again with a British crew and used
as a decoy. As the result, two German
submarines were sunk.

Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney returned
from her hospital in France aboard the
Adriatic. She was met at quarantine
by her husband, who said that Mrs.
Whitney's last year was due to the
illness of one of her little daughters.

PLANS FOR AERO PLANTS

Prepared by Navy Department for Sub-
mission to Congress.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—Congress-
ional approval is all that is needed for
establishment of government aeroplane
factories at Philadelphia and New York.
Plans for such plants have been pre-
pared by the Navy Department, each to
cost about \$30,000, and each capable of
turning out two or three machines a
month at a cost of about \$5,000 apiece.

Though the War Department some
years ago purchased a small dirigible
balloon, army officials never have felt
warranted in developing that type of
air craft, and have concentrated all
their efforts on aeroplanes. The navy,
however, is about to embark on a set
of experiments to determine the avail-
ability of the dirigible for use on ships.
Specifications have been prepared
for such a machine, to measure 175 feet,
and to have a lifting capacity of a ton
in addition to its crew and supplies.

ENJOYS 100TH BIRTHDAY

"Oldest Woman in the Bronx" Gives
Her Scheme of Longevity.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
NEW YORK, March 15.—Mrs. Sarah
Whitard, "oldest woman in the Bronx,"
celebrated her one hundredth birth-
day anniversary to-day. At her party,
given by her sixty-nine descendants,
she gave this as her scheme of longev-
ity:

"To bed early, get up with the
sun, eat simple food, laugh often and
heartily, keep cheerful, and stay out
of automobiles."

Mrs. Whitard was the liveliest one
of the celebrants.

FOUL PLAY IS FEARED

Police Begin Search for Henry Clark
Coe, Sr., of Boston.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
SAN FRANCISCO, March 15.—All the
quest of relatives, the San Francisco
police to-day began a search for Henry
Clark Coe, Jr., of Boston, Mass., son
of Dr. H. C. Coe, a prominent New
York physician, residing at 8 West
Seventy-sixth Street. Coe disappeared
mysteriously on January 30, and, de-
spite the efforts of the Boston police
and private detective agencies, no trace
of him has been found. Foul play is
feared.

HENRY H. SESSIONS DEAD

Was Inventor of Several Safety De-
vices for Railroads.

CHICAGO, March 15.—Henry H. Ses-
sions, inventor of the vestibule anti-
telescoping device used on most rail-
road passenger cars, the air brake for
street cars, and several other railway
devices, is dead at his home here. He
was born in 1847, and was connected
with various railroads in the capacity
of master mechanic and superintendent.

S. A. L. QUESTIONS N. C. LAW

Files Appeal on Statute Requiring
Record of All Liquor Consignees.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—Constitu-
tionality of the North Carolina statute
requiring railroads to keep a record of
all consignees receiving shipments of
liquor, was challenged in an appeal
filed to-day in the Supreme Court by
the Seaboard Air Line. It is claimed
that the statute is in conflict with the
flexible rate law, designating the
books a railroad may keep.

JOB FOR MITCHELL PALMER

Selected by President for Chief Justice
of United States Court of Claims.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—Former
Representative A. Mitchell Palmer, of
Pennsylvania, has been selected by
President Wilson for Chief Justice of
the United States Court of Claims, to
succeed Judge Charles B. Howry,
whose resignation is to take effect
April 1.

California Exposition, 1923.
Via
Norfolk and Western Railway.

READY FOR GLIDE INTO JAMES RIVER

World's Biggest Battleship Will
Take Initial Dip This
Morning.

GREAT THROG GATHERING

Many Dignitaries and Thousands
of Other People Will Wit-
ness Launching.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., March 15.—

Officials of the Newport News Ship-
building and Dry Dock Company an-
nounced to-night that everything was
in readiness for the launching of the
super-Dreadnought Pennsylvania, which
will be the biggest battleship in the
world, at 10 o'clock to-morrow
morning. A larger number of digni-
taries than have ever before witnessed
a launching have accepted invitations
to be present, and the most pretentious
ceremonies ever attempted will mark
the event. The shipyard will be
thrown open to the public, and thou-
sands of people are expected to be pres-
ent. Following the launching the in-
vited guests will go to Old Point,
where the shipyard company will tender
a banquet to the sponsor's party
and the distinguished guests.

The launching of the Pennsylvania,
according to the plans of the shipyard
officials, will be the most notable since
the Virginia, named after the "Mother
of States," glided from the shipways
and rested on the bosom of the river
that proved a haven of refuge for the
first English ship which anchored in
American waters.

The mammoth stand, erected for the
invited guests, and from which towers,
like a miniature throne, the most stand-
ing of the sponsor, is gayly bedecked with
flags and bunting, lending in reality
the holiday spirit that pervades the
whole of the city. The stand will ac-
commodate 1,500 people.

FLAGS OF THE NATIONS WILL FLAUNT IN BREEZE

Supports for the rigging which will
flaunt to the four winds of the earth
the flags and pennons of the nations
of the world, already are in place. The
flags and bunting will be placed to-
morrow morning.

Hundreds of the most skilled work-
men of the builders have been busy on
and under the Dreadnought for sev-
eral days, and the wedges which will
raise the assembled tons of iron and
steel so as to be in readiness for the
release of the launching trigger are in
place.

The water, or slip, abutting the ways
was cleaned and refitted to-day, the
builders taking no chances in having
anything go wrong.

Towering high above the other ships
building here, the Pennsylvania, but
for the band of wooden backing for the
armor plate, looks almost com-
pleted to the uninitiated eye. However,
she is but 70 per cent complete, and
will not be ready for her trials for
months to come.

The upper part of the ship is painted
red, while the lower part, extending
approximately from the keel to the
water line, is a dull gray, giving the
monster of the deep a sinister and un-
canny appearance.

Miss Elizabeth Kolb, sponsor, accom-
panied by her maids of honor, her
mother and father and other members
of the launching party, are spending
the night at the Chamberlin Hotel at
Old Point, having arrived this evening.

Secretary of the Navy Daniels, accom-
panied by navy and other govern-
ment officials, will arrive at 9 o'clock
to-morrow morning, having left Wash-
ington this afternoon on the presiden-
tial yacht Mayflower. Members of the
party will leave the yacht at the ship-
yard to witness the launching. Later
they will return to the yacht, on which
they will make the run from the ship-
yard to the Chamberlin Hotel, where
a luncheon will be tendered the sponsor
and invited guests by officials of the
shipyard.

GOVERNORS AND STAFFS WILL BE SPECTATORS

Governor Stuart and Governor
Brumbaugh, of Virginia and Pennsylv-
ania, respectively, accompanied by
their staffs and members of the Vir-
ginia and Pennsylvania Legislatures
and Virginia and Pennsylvania Repre-
sentatives in Congress, will arrive at
9 o'clock on a special train from Rich-
mond. The train will take the visitors
into the plant of the shipbuilding com-
pany.

Public schools of the city have been
granted a holiday, and the pupils, both
white and black, will attend the
launching in bodies. They will be
segregated on the wharf which the
shipyard has set aside for their use.
Each pupil will carry a flag, and songs
especially prepared for the occasion
will be rendered during the launching
ceremonies.

The shipyard gates will be thrown
open to the public at 9 o'clock, and it
is safe to assume that the inevitable
rush will begin at that time. At for-
mer launchings vast crowds have
gathered at the shipyard gate hours
before the time of the launching, and
as history repeats itself, the same
thing is expected to occur to-morrow.
Scores of launches, small boats,
steamers and barges will gather in the
river near the point of the launching,
each having on board every person that
can find a foothold. Shipyard tugs
and launches will be pressed into ser-
vice to keep them clear of the course
taken by the Pennsylvania when she
leaves the ways.

ROOM AT NEWPORT NEWS ALREADY AT PREMIUM

So great is the crowd of visitors who
will attend the launching that several
hotels announced to-night that room
of any kind was at a premium. Ac-
commodations will become even more
crowded to-morrow, and the crowd is
expected to be almost as large as those
which witnessed the launching of the
Kearsarge and Kentucky, after which

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CORDON OF BRITISH WARSHIPS TO CUT OFF GERMAN TRADE

FAMILY PRIDE



MEMBER OF FRYE'S CREW HELD AGAINST HIS WILL

Sworn Testimony Given That Charles
Frank Virtually Is Prisoner on
Prinz Eitel Friedrich.

WASHINGTON HAS ALL FACTS

Commander Thierichens Has Made
No Reply to Repeated Requests of
Collector Hamilton as to Time De-
clared to Make Repairs on Cruiser.

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., March 15.—

According to testimony given the
Washington government, Charles
Frank, one of the members of the crew
of the American ship William F. Frye,
which was sunk by the German con-
verted cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich, is
being held aboard the German war-
ship in German uniform against his
will. The circumstances of the case,
as communicated to Washington, were
revealed to-day by other mem-
bers of the crew of the Frye who re-
main in Newport News.

Frank and Robert Rogge, another of
the Frye's crew, it has developed, were
placed in German uniform several days
before their comrades were released
upon arrival at this port. All facts in
the case have been submitted to the
State Department at Washington, but
no instructions, so far as can be learned,
have been received by officials here as
to what course to pursue in the matter.

BELIEVES FRANK HELD AGAINST HIS WILL

The status of the situation revolves
upon a sworn statement made to the
collector of the port here by E. W.
Johnson, of the ill-fated American ship,
and a comrade of Frank, who also is
known as Frouth. Frank, or Frouth,
and Rogge are Germans. Rogge, when
pressed into service by Commander
Thierichens, is said to have made no
protest. When he donned the German
uniform on board the sea raider, he
said that he had offered himself to
German colors in Seattle and again in
Peru, where the Frye touched, but had
been told that nothing could be done
for him. Soon after he was, however,
boarded the Eitel Friedrich, and was
made known his nationality, and was
pressed into service. Soon after Rogge
had donned the German uniform, ac-
cording to the statement of Sailor
Johnson, Commander Thierichens came
to the crew and asked if there were
any other Germans among them. He
was told that there were not. Frank
had joined the crew as a Norwegian,
and had not proclaimed that he was a
German, but, notwithstanding this, he
was summoned before the German com-
mander. When next seen he was in a
German uniform, and orders were given
that the Americans were not to com-
municate with either Frank or Rogge.

"We saw Rogge and Frank after they
were put in German uniform,"
said Johnson, "but we never spoke to
them."

In his statement it is declared John-

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GAS LEASE PROPOSALS ARE REFERRED TO BOARD

Administrative Body Directed by
Committee to Report in Fif-
teen Days.

POLLITT EXPLAINS OFFER

Vice-President of Southern Gas and
Electric Corporation Reads Letter
From President Homer, Outlining
Company's Proposition.

After hearing from Vice-President

L. I. Pollitt, of the Southern Gas and
Electric Corporation, who enlarged
upon his company's proposition for
leasing the municipal gas plant, the
Council Committee on Public Build-
ings, Properties and Utilities last
night voted to turn over all papers
relating to the matter to the Admin-
istrative Board, with instructions to
report back to the committee within
fifteen days.

Although the motion under which
the reference was made was not al-
together explicit on the point, it is
understood that the board will proceed
at once to hold hearings on the gas
leasing proposition, and will at the
conclusion of such hearings send the
papers back to the committee with its
recommendation as to the advisability
of leasing the works.

POLLITT READS LETTER FROM PRESIDENT HOMER

President Homer, of the Southern Gas
and Electric Corporation, who had ex-
pected to address the committee last
night, was detained in Baltimore be-
cause of illness. A long letter from
him, addressed to the committee, was
read by Mr. Pollitt, who supplemented
the communication with a statement of
his own, elaborating on the plans for
improving the Gas Works that are tem-
plated by the company in the event
that it is successful in obtaining the
lease.

In order to accommodate the large
crowd that sought admittance to the
hearing, the committee held its meet-
ing in the Council chamber. Here
every available seat was occupied, and
the overflow audience stood three and
four deep around the railing that sepa-
rates the gallery from the chamber
proper.

The hearing opened with a near sen-
sation. Alderman Christian offered a
resolution which recited in its pre-
amble that the committee deemed it
advisable to lease the Gas Works,
and that it, therefore, recommends to
the Council the rejection of any and
all such propositions.

COUNCIL WILL REJECT LEASE, SAYS CHRISTIAN

"This question has been agitated ever
since I have been a resident of this
city," said Alderman Christian. "If
Richmond did not have a public
utility of great value, no one would be
after it. If it is valuable, why dispose
of it?"

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THREAT TO USE FORCE MAKES CARRANZA YIELD

Mexican Gunboat Zaragosa Recalled
From Attempted Blockade of
Progreso.

WILSON ADOPTS NEW POLICY

Latest Moves on Part of United
States Interpreted as Change From
Passive Observation to One of In-
sistence of Protection.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—President

Wilson has determined that all the
rival factions in Mexico shall be com-
pelled, if necessary, not only to re-
spect the lives and property of for-
eigners, but to insure freedom of com-
mercial communication between the
United States and its southern neigh-
bors.

Diplomatists, who by instruction of
their governments have been discuss-
ing Mexican affairs with the Washing-
ton government, interpret latest moves
on the part of the United States as a
change from a policy of passive ob-
servation to one of energetic insis-
tence on the protection of foreign in-
terests.

This new policy, enunciated in the
last two notes sent to General Car-
ranza concerning the situation at Mex-
ico City, was developed further by the
dispatch of a communication informing
the Mexican chief that, unless the gun-
boat Zaragosa was recalled from its
attempted blockade of Progreso, the
President of the United States "would
be constrained to issue instructions"

to the commander of the cruiser Des
Joines "to prevent any interference
with any American ships going to or
from the port."

PURPOSE OF NOTE ALREADY ACHIEVED

The purpose of this note apparently
was achieved before it reached Vera
Cruz, for the Navy Department re-
ceived word to-day that the Zaragosa
had put back to Vera Cruz "on ac-
count of the stress of weather."

The American note set forth that if
the American cruiser found it neces-
sary to take steps to prevent inter-
ference with American ships, such a
policy should not be interpreted as
having any relation to "international
affairs in Mexico," but "in the interest
of peace and amity" between the two
countries.

With the situation at Progreso ap-
parently clearing up, the Washington
government to-night was confronted
with a troublesome condition of affairs
at Manzanillo, on the west coast. The
British consul there has appealed
through the British embassy here for
a British man-of-war. He said the
German consul joined him in the re-
quest, and no American men-of-war

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RUGGIE-ST. PATRICK'S NIGHT. MARCH 17—RUGGIE'S.

Special entertainment in grill room-3 till
midnight—Al Sweeney, with augmented or-
chestra. Souvenirs, favors, fine enjoyment.
Reserve your table now.

FOREIGN OFFICE SENDS TEXT OF REPRISAL DECREE

English Officials Frankly
Call Movement a
Blockade.

PROCLAMATION SIGNED IN COUNCIL BY KING

Makes Plain Purpose to Prevent
Commodities From Reaching
or Leaving Enemy's Ports.

TERMS MADE FOR NEUTRALS

Wide Discretion Allowed Prize Court
Members in Handling
Claims.

Declines to Accede to U. S. Proposal

GREAT BRITAIN has announced
details of retaliatory measures
against Germany's submarine cam-
paign. She proposes to stop all
commerce by sea to and from Ger-
man ports, but provision is made
for consideration of treatment of the
shipping of neutral nations, which
does not interfere with the task
that England has set for herself.

The British government has de-
livered to the American ambassador
its reply to the American note sug-
gesting the withdrawal of the Ger-
man submarine blockade and Eng-
land's ban on food shipments des-
tined for German civilians. Great
Britain declines to accede to the
proposal.

The sinking of the German
cruiser Dresden off the Island of
Juan Fernandez by British warships
is told briefly in an admiralty state-
ment.

The French War Office announces
a series of minor successes in Bel-
gium and in various parts of France.
The communication, however, ad-
mits the blowing up by the Germans
of four of the French advance
trenches near Pont-a-Mousson.

On the same authority it is as-
serted that the British forces which
had been compelled to fall back be-
hind St. Etienne, south of Ypres, re-
gained possession of that village
and the neighboring trenches.

In the east the concentration of
troops and preliminary operations
for an engagement on an extended
scale in Poland are proceeding, but
the fight has been of the advance
guard order. In the Carpathians
neither Russians nor Austrians
seemingly have gained any decisive
advantage.

LONDON, March 15.—Great Britain
made known to the world to-day in a
formal proclamation, signed in council
by the King, and issued from Bucking-
ham Palace, how she proposes to sever
the arteries of sea commerce to and
from Germany during the period of the
war.

The term "blockade" is not used, and
no prohibited area is defined. Never-
theless, the text of the order makes
plain England's purpose to prevent
commodities of any kind from reach-
ing or leaving Germany during the
war.

British officials to-night frankly
called the movement a blockade, the
Foreign Office describing it as an ef-
fective blockade, differing from the ef-
fective blockades of history only in
that the property seized will not be
confiscated outright, but sold, the pro-
ceeds eventually going to the owners.

PROPOSAL OF MOST INTEREST TO NEUT